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SUBJECT: BARI: MOROTEI LOSE INTRA-PARTY STRUGGLE AND NEW DC MAYOR ELECTED
1. FOLLOWING THE KIDNAPPING AND DEATH OF ALDO MORO INTERNAL DC BALANCE OF POWER IN BARI CITY AND PROVINCE HAS BEEN UPSET AS THE FORMER MINORITY CIRCA 45 PERCENT OF PROVINCIAL DC) FACTION UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF EX-DEFENSE MINISTER VITO LATTANZIO AGGRESSIVELY MOVES TO DISPLACE THE MOROTEI. LATTANZIO HAD BEEN MUCH MORE ATTENTIVE THAN MORO TO "CULTIVATE" THOSE GRASS ROOTS AND DISTRIBUTE FAVORS FOR SERVICES. PERSONAL INTEREST ALONG WITH POLITICAL VIEWPOINTS (SKEPTICISM REGARDING MOROTEI STRATEGY RE THE DC/PCI RELATIONSHIP) PROVIDED A STRONG BOND WITHIN THE LATTANZIO GROUP. RATHER INTANGIBLE POLITICAL EMANATIONS FROM THE PRESTIGIOUS IF ALOOF MORO SEEMED TO GIVE SUSTENANCE AND STRENGTH TO THE BARI MOROTEI AND KEEP THEM ON TOP LOCALLY UNTIL THE TRAGIC DEMISE OF THEIR LEADER.
2. EVENTS AT CITY HALL ARE INDICATIVE OF THE DC STRUGGLE AND ITS
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RESULTS IN BARI. DC CITY COUNCILMEN IN THE LATTANZIO CAMP UNDERMINED MAYOR LA MADDALENA, OPPOSING THE BUDGET AND CITY PROGRAMS. MOROTEI COUNCILMEN BEGAN TO DRIFT AWAY. FINALLY, CONFRONTED WITH A "NO CONFIDENCE" VOTE BY 15 OF THE 25 DC COUNCILMEN, MAYOR LA MADDALENA AND ALL 7 DC GIUNTA MEMBERS SUBMITTED THEIR RESIGNATIONS ON JULY 4, 1978.
3. ON JULY 28 A NEW ELECTION TOOK PLACE AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN

30 YEARS A NON-MOROTEO HAS BEEN ELECTED MAYOR OF BARI. HE IS LUIGI FARACE, 44 YEARS OLD AND ELECTED CITY COUNCILMAN FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 1976. FARACE IS ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION AND NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERATION OF TRADERS , CONFCOM-MERCIO. UNTIL A NEW WEEKS AGO FARACE WAS A MOROTEO, BUT HE AND SEVERAL COMPANIONS SWITCHED TO LATTANZIO IN JULY AND HAVE BEEN SUITABLY REWARDED WITH GIUNTA POSITIONS.

4. DC LOSERS REACTED LOUDLY AND PUBLICLY. IN CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS PRECEEDING FARACE'S ELECTION A MOROTEO BITTERLY DECLARED THAT HE BELONGED TO A PARTY WHERE THE ASSASINATION OF ALDO MORO WAS GREETED WITH "YOUR DEATH IS MY LIFE". LATTANZIO FACTION VICTORS WERE LABELED "CORRUPT" AND "TRAITOROUS". MOROTEI DECLINED TO SERVE ON THE NEW GIUNTA AND THE BARI CITY EXECUTIVE DC COMPONENT IS THEREFORE FORMED OF FOUR LATTANZIO FOLLOWERS AND THREE OTHERS (ONE EACH FROM BASE, FANFANIANI AND FORZE NUOVE GROUPS).

5. THE OTHER PARTIES REMAINED ALOOF FROM THE DC FEUD AND THE CENTER/ LEFT GIUNTA SUPPORTED BY THE PCI HOLDS. THE COMMUNISTS ABSTAINED FROM VOTING ON THE NEW GIUNTA WHILE OTHERS IN THE POLITICAL MAJORITY VOTED IN FAVOR. THE PSI, PSDI AND PRI ARE ALL ON THE GIUNTA.

6. ALTHOUGH A SHAKE-UP IN THE BARI DC WAS EXPECTED FOLLOWING MORO'S KIDNAPPING AND A "READJUSTMENT" WOULD HAVE BEEN LIKELY EVEN HAD HE LIVED, THE EVENTS OF THE EARLY SUMMER LEAVE THE BARI PARTY DIVIDED AND THE MOROTEI LOSERS BITTER. COLANTONIO.

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